

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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Preachers, Write If You Want Bed and Breakfast at Dallas Bible School, May 23 - 30!

We have the strongest group of fundamentally sound Bible teachers and preachers and soul winners we can assemble from four states. From Illinois, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas come the following preachers:

REV. WILLIAM MCCARRELL, pastor of Cicero Bible Church, Cicero, Illinois, will give Bible lectures on soul winning and the Holy Spirit and preach to the unsaved for six days.

EVAN. T. MYRON WEBB of Enid, Oklahoma, will teach the book of Joshua.

REV. W. E. HAWKINS, JR. of the Radio Revival, Dallas, will speak on Separation, Dedication, and Consecration.

REV. E. L. BANTA will teach Revelation and prophecy.

REV. HARVEY H. SPRINGER, vigorous evangelist, greatly blessed of God from Englewood, Colorado, will bring four messages on soul winning and revivals.

RAY F. KAHLE, representative of the Biblical Research Society of which Dr. David L. Cooper is the founder and president will give two lectures illustrated by stereopticon slides on Jewish evangelism. He is a Baptist minister, graduate of Wheaton College and Dallas Theological Seminary.

PASTOR JOHN R. RICE will give Bible lessons on the book of Acts.

The soul lifting, Spirit-filled music of this coming Bible School will be the greatest in quality and quantity we have ever had, the greatest assembly of spiritual singers that I think I ever knew to be on one program. They include the following:

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"Come and Dine"

The resurrected Saviour by the seaside called the weary disciples and said, "Come and dine." He had fish broiled on the coals and ready. We believe the same Saviour is preparing a feast of blessing for you in Dallas the week of May 23 to the 30th and we heartily urge you to come and partake of the feast. The King who made a marriage for his son sent out his invitations and said, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed and all things are ready, come unto the marriage." The program is prepared at great expense and trouble. God's preachers are storing their minds and hearts with blessings of the Word and of the Spirit to give to you. Dallas homes are being opened to care for preachers and their wives with bed and breakfast free. The great brick tabernacle, 90 by 146 feet will have a brand new floor.

Bible study, soul winning, separation, revivals and Christian fellowship will be the main themes. You will enjoy old friends and meet delightful new ones. There will be hours of confession and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

PAY FOR FLOORS NOW!

An Appeal to Dallas People To Bring Offerings Now For Building Improvements Since Heavier Burdens Come Later With The Bible School and Revival

The heart of this pastor is made happy by the good news that comes regularly concerning the work in the church at Dallas.

Last Sunday there were over 500 present in Sunday School, with 201 in the pastor's large class of adults taught last Sunday by Bro. Banta. We are gratified to learn that the men of the church, and others besides, with willing hearts have given themselves to the task of putting in the floors in the building. Before the pastor left, \$1,500 was promised to be paid in by June 20th to take care of necessary labor and the enormous amount of material. Now the pastor very prayerfully wishes to lay it on the heart of his people that as much as possible of this money should be brought in in the next two weeks. Many bills are to be paid now and the money is needed. Even more important is the fact that very soon we will have heavy burdens of other expenses that must be raised. The Bible School will cost several hundred dollars with speakers coming from far, with expensive advertising in the daily newspapers, etc. Our great open air revival to begin the night of May 30th on the big open air lot on Zangs Boulevard, three blocks west of the viaduct will take much expense for a giant screen for the big stereopticon slide illustrations to be used by Brother Webb, for seats, for lights, and particularly for advertising. Since these other matters must be cared for in due time, I urge that every one who possibly can bring as much of your offering for the floors now and let us take care of these bills without embarrassment.

The pastor must give his time to soul winning and the gospel ministry. He will give as liberally as seems possible and all the workers are living and giving sacrificially. God's blessings have been (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

Increasing Blessing In Englewood Revival

This is Tuesday afternoon. Though the revival has not broken out in the great power and blessing that we expect, yet there is an increasing weight of conviction and a deepening of the attitude of confession and prayer and tears on the part of Christians. Sunday it was my privilege to speak five times; on radio KVOB at 7:45, to combined adult and young people's department at 9:45, at 11 o'clock to a wonderful audience on "The Power of Pentecost—Is It for Us Today, What It Will Do and How to Have It." (Printed in this issue of *The Sword of the Lord*). There were some conversions and five or six additions to the church with a fine time of tears and people kneeling in the altar in prayer to God for the power of the Spirit of God upon the revival, upon the homes and their unsaved loved ones. At 3 P.M. we had a Mother's Day service when I spoke on "Mother, Home and Heaven." The two-hour service ended with a great time of dedication to God on the part of mothers. There were probably over a thousand people present. Sunday night I preached on "Fathers and Families" with special reference to the Philippian jailer and his household. The great tabernacle, 75 by 125 feet, was packed except for a few seats in the back. In the short invitation there were several conversions.

The power of God is working. I have given an invitation only three times in the tabernacle and once in a street service, yet people continue to be saved. A young husband to whom I spoke before the service one night was stricken in his heart, settled the matter, and told his family of it at home. He came out publicly to claim Christ Saturday night. A young woman who had been deep in sin attended, left the service one night, but came back in the tabernacle and was converted. She claimed Christ publicly Sunday night. Last night (Monday night) I gave no invitation. A young soldier came to shake hands with me after the

services. I said, "Are you a Christian?" He replied, "No, but I want you to pray for me. I want to be a Christian." We prayed, and he prayed the publican's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and tearfully and genuinely he trusted Christ for forgiveness and claimed it openly to his friends.

This morning a man who was offended at the plain preaching of the pastor and who said people might call him an atheist, stopped the pastor's wife on her way to church, said that he wished he had the peace Christians seemed to have and requested her to have the church pray that he might be saved! We had that prayer this morning and we earnestly hope to see him saved soon. The power of God is moving in the community.

One woman who had been broken hearted and praying over a lost daughter a few days ago committed herself definitely to expect a blessing from God and to claim the salvation of the lost girl. Last night she arose with beaming face in the congregation to say that she had received a letter from her daughter in California saying that she had there attended a service and was converted! God is answering prayer. There were a number of conversions Sunday night.

Attendance From All Over Colorado

The distance people come to attend this revival is remarkable. Delegations have attended from Byers, sixty miles away; from Burlington, Colorado, 175 miles, just on the Kansas and Colorado line; from Haxton, Colorado, about 175 miles northeast, from Castle Rock, thirty miles south; from Kiowa, thirty miles southeast; from Boulder, some thirty miles away; from Alma, over a hundred miles southeast, and today two people arrived by train from Salida, 215 miles southeast, to spend three days in the revival. Others have attended from Victor, from Lewisville, from Littleton and other towns I do not remember. Many of these heard the radio broadcasts and come to have a part in the blessings of the meeting.

The kindness of the people is (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

Is It For Us Today? — What It Will Do. How To Have It

(Sermon preached Sunday morning, 11 A.M., at First Baptist Tabernacle, Englewood, Colorado, May 9th, 1937.)

"1. And it came to pass that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples.

"2. He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

Now let's get that. Here are some disciples. They have already believed.

Paul said, "Have you got the Holy Ghost since you believed?" There is something else besides what comes with salvation. Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Have you something else besides salvation? Have you something more than being saved?

"And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

Brother Springer, that is one reason more people don't have the power of the Holy Spirit. They never hear anything about it. They don't know anything about it. The preachers never taught it.

"3. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? and they cried, Unto John's baptism."

When you are baptized, something should happen to you!

"Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

"5. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

McCarrell "Perhaps A Second Moody"

SAYS WALTER G. TAYLOR, FOR MANY YEARS SUPERINTENDENT OF PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION OF CHICAGO

On every hand we get congratulations that Brother William McCarrell of the Cicero Bible Church is to be with us in our Dallas Bible School, May 23rd to the 30th. Dr. W. B. Riley wrote that Bro. McCarrell was doing "one of the greatest pieces of soul winning works in America" and urged me to have him if possible.

Today I received a card from my good friend Brother Walter G. Taylor, who was so many years the superintendent of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago and only recently retired. Remember it was at the Pacific Garden Mission where Billy Sunday was converted. It was there in the spring of 1921 that God showed me He wanted me to preach the gospel. It was there I preached my first sermon on "The Wages of Sin Is

Death." Brother Taylor's message from St. Petersburg, Florida, says:

"Dear Brother:

"Greetings in the name at which every knee shall bow. May III John 2 be yours. Just a few words of congratulations that McCarrell is to be with you. He is a 'comer.' Though doing a great work these days, he has not reached the peak—perhaps a second Moody. The world needs another, eh? I rejoice at the way the Big Boss is using you. Keep on keeping on 'till you fall off. It is refreshing to know a man who honors the Holy Spirit and the Word as you do. Thanks again for sending me the 'SWORD.' "Taylors"

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Lord Jesus.

"6. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

Now when you were baptized, the same thing ought to have happened to you that happened when Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God descended on him in the form of a dove and there came a voice from Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." He went to preaching the gospel, holding revivals, healing the sick and teaching the Word, as soon as he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now when you are baptized, something ought to happen. You should say, "Good-bye old world, I'm through." God wants to put power on you. In Acts 2:38 the Lord through Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," that is, for the remission of sins you got when you repented. Now you are saved. Now be baptized with reference to that remission of sins you got when you repented, and he said, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Now I remind you, there is a blessing which should come with baptism. Blessing, spiritual power, a Christian gets when he is baptized if he is taught right about baptism, if he means it as a burial of his old life and a resurrection

to a new life. Baptism, if it is honestly done, ought to bring an influx of spiritual power. The power of the Holy Spirit ought to come when a Christian is baptized, and baptism ought to be as close to the place of salvation as you can make it.

Now come back again to what Paul himself said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" No, when Pentecost came, Apollos was down in Egypt, and he just told them what John preached. There wasn't anything wrong with John's baptism. It is all that Jesus had, all that Peter and James and the rest of the apostles had. There was nothing wrong with John's baptism. Now then Paul said, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

Now I don't want to go in detail about some things, but I will ask you this morning, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

Some good men say these men were not truly Christian, but the Lord says they were disciples. Paul said, "Since ye believed." You trusted Christ, now I want to know, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

I am not going into the question of tongues. I have a booklet on that. Now listen, I am not talking about the tongues which are a modern innovation. If you want to talk with tongues, just so you do it like they did in the Bible times so people understand in the tongues in which they were born and are converted when they hear you, as they were at Pentecost, that will be all right. Otherwise, leave off the tommyrot, the modern innovation, the fanaticism of the modern tongues movement.

Forgive me for speaking plain. I want to help you. I want to get that out of your way; get the frills out of your mind, come back to Pentecost and soul winning power.

As far as I am concerned there may be sitting on your head a

tongue of fire flaming and forking up there, that is all right, I don't care. But it is not the main thing. I don't want you preaching to my folks that they need that. We should seek nothing but what He promised, the power! You may want an earthquake as they had in Acts 4:31, or a rushing mighty wind as they had at Pentecost. I don't care for that, whether you have that or not, that is incidental. That doesn't especially matter. God didn't promise it. That is one frill, and the next time they didn't have it. I don't care about that. If you want to speak in other languages as God gave them power to preach to foreigners in their own language, I don't care, that is incidental. The Lord is not talking about that.

That group at Ephesus was a group of various nationalities; they talked various languages, praising God. It was not any modern unknown tongue foolishness. That is not what Paul asked about. Paul said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Have you anything here besides salvation, the power of the Holy Spirit?

Some one says, "Brother Rice, I don't believe in a second work of grace." Whether you call it a second work of grace or not, doesn't matter. A Christian needs soul winning power, the power of the Holy Spirit, a matter aside from salvation.

I am not willing for a man to take a term in the Bible and put a modern meaning on it.

Have you got what they had? I do not believe in Pentecostalism if you make Pentecost mean modern Pentecost. I don't either. If you mean the Bible Pentecost, I do believe in that. Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

Some one will say, "I have never gotten to where I don't sin." Well, I haven't either. I am not talking about that. You say, "I haven't jabbered in an unknown language that doesn't do anybody any good." I haven't either. I don't believe in that. But I ask you this Bible question: "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Something besides salvation, gave the power New Testament Christians had. They got something they hadn't had; got it after they were saved. They got something else that gave power to win 3,000 souls in a day, that gave power to pray so that God answered prayer. The sick were healed. After they were saved, the apostles and others received something. They had joy, had soul winning power, they gave every penny they had and were happy, they were stoned to death and smiled and thanked God for it! They had something more that you don't have.

Maybe some of you have had some power but don't have it now. "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" I ask that question.

Now you follow me and I will take the Scriptures and show you. The term at Pentecost was "filled." "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all FILLED with the Holy Ghost." That word "filled." They were filled with the Holy Spirit. Some one says, "That was just for Pentecost. That was never to be repeated. It was just for Bible times, but not for us any more." But you are wrong. If you will follow me, I will show you. The trouble with men is that they don't know the Bible. Throughout the Bible, in the Old Testament and the New, in all dispensations, people have been filled with the Holy Spirit for definite service. That neither began nor ended at Pentecost.

Turn to Exodus 35, verses 30 and 31. "And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." "Filled with the Spirit." "Filled with the Spirit." That is exactly the term used at Pentecost. "Filled with the Spirit."

Sunday Services At Tabernacle In Dallas, Texas

Evangelist E. L. Banta will teach the Bible Class at 9:45 Sunday morning at the Oak Cliff Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle, 201 East Tenth Street. We are studying Jeremiah, the first two chapters. Come and bring others with you.

11:00 O'Clock Service

The Evangelist will speak at this hour on "A Review and a Prospect." In this message there will be a recounting of God's blessings during the past few years of the history of this church and a looking forward to what God wants accomplished by this church in the future. This is an important hour and an important message and every member of this church should be present at this hour. Visitors are always welcome.

County Jail Service

There will be a service at the County Jail at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. All the young preachers and others who are interested in jail work are requested to be there promptly at that hour.

Young People's Meeting

At 7:00 P. M. the young people will meet at the tabernacle for their regular Sunday evening service. Rev. W. G. Stroh in charge. At 7:15 there will be a prayer meeting in two groups, one of men with Brother Grady Matthews in charge and another of the women with Mrs. McBeth in charge.

Sunday Evening Service

At 7:45 the song service under the direction of W. G. Stroh will be conducted. Evangelist E. L. Banta will speak on the subject, "Divine Grace That Pardons or Forgives Sin." We had two great services last Sunday. Let us make the services of this day even greater.

Mid-Week

Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. we will meet for prayer and Bible Study. We will study about the great tribulation time. Bring your Bibles, pencils and notebooks.

it." "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Yonder in Exodus the man was filled with the Holy Spirit, and that was not for tongues, not for sinless perfection. That was a special, divine anointing, a gift of the Spirit, a filling of the Spirit for service. To do God's work we need His supernatural power. Now then in the Old Testament, there is a case of a man who was filled with the Spirit and it happened many times. God used various terms to describe it, but it was the same.

In Luke, the first chapter, before Jesus was ever born, was the case of Zacharias. He and his wife prayed, and God said, "Zacharias, I am going to give you a boy." Now look at verse 15, "And he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." I remind you, too, that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from the time he was born, and he was born six months before Jesus was, so before Jesus was born, people were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Again in the same chapter more people were filled too. It didn't just start at Pentecost. All down through the ages God filled people for service, to testify, to bear witness, to win souls, as John the Baptist did. It didn't just start at Pentecost. Now turn in the same chapter and read in verse 41. "And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost." Exactly the same term as used as about Pentecost. Exactly word for word, what happened to the disciples, happened long before to Elizabeth. The same power, the same Spirit, the same boldness, to witness for Jesus.

Now on the next page, Luke the first chapter, verse 67, "And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost." Notice, at Pentecost, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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praise and experience and planning.

Make your plans now not to miss a day! Ministers who expect us to provide bed and breakfast should write, please, as soon as possible. But come by all means. For others, inexpensive meals and rooms may be had near the tabernacle. It need not cost any one over six to ten dollars for meals and room for the week in Dallas. If you care to spend a little more, then good hotels and cafes are in walking distance of the tabernacle. Remember there is no registration fee of any kind.

Come with your burdens to pray through for blessing. Come with your questions about the Bible and get them answered.

Bring your problems for soul winners greatly blessed of God to help you find the answer. Bring your sorrows to be comforted as they certainly will be by the preaching and singing and fellowship.

And may the Spirit of God brood over all our hearts, cleanse us from sin, purify our motives! May we feed on the Word of God as manna from Heaven! May our hearts be knit together as were those of Jonathan and David or Paul and Timothy or like those who waited in the upper room for Pentecost!

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10: 22).

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Malachi 3: 16, 17).

Let us who fear the Lord meet and speak often one to another, and think upon His name! We look for you in Dallas all the week of May 23 to 30.

Increasing Blessing In Colorado Revival

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blessed to this Texas preacher. On Saturday we are to speak at the inspiration hour at the Denver Bible Institute. Some of the faculty and student body were present in the services last night. Pastor Harvey H. Springer and his people show us every courtesy and the fellowship with these dear people of God whose hearts are so warmed toward soul winning has been a rich treat.

We urge those who love the Lord and love sinners to pray for us that we may have a mighty pouring out of the Spirit so that hundreds will be saved in these nearly two weeks that remain of the revival.

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the Holy Ghost, Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost. That is *nothing new!* That didn't start at Pentecost! That started before Jesus was born. Many people were filled with the Holy Ghost, had a special endowment of Holy Spirit power, the power of God came on them, all down the years.

Baptism of Filling?

Suppose you turn then and let us look at Acts the first chapter. In verse five, Jesus said, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." The only difference is this, you take a bucket and let it down in the well and you will get it filled, also covered up, or baptized. You put a cup in the dishpan and turn the faucet. The cup will be filled, and if you keep on pouring, it will be covered up, too. The same thing happens to the same cup. The same thing happens to the same bucket. Got filled and got baptized both. There wasn't any difference. The Bible uses both terms about the same thing that happened at Pentecost. God poured out the Holy Ghost in measure enough to both fill and baptize. I don't care whether you call it a "filling" or an "anointing" or a "baptism" or a "pouring out" or a "gift" of the Spirit. I am anxious for you to have it.

Now let's see in Acts 2:4. Let's read that passage.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." That word tongues means languages. The Scripture goes on to say there were sixteen nationalities of Jews present and everybody heard the gospel in his own language in which he was born. There wasn't any nonsense, there wasn't any frill about that. It was a miracle

given at the special time for a special purpose. That wasn't repeated later, when they were filled again in Acts 4:31, or in many other cases.

Now look at Acts 4:8. The case of Peter is an illustration of the same thing. At Pentecost Peter was filled, but was filled again here with the Holy Ghost. It did not stop at Pentecost.

Another case where they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Look at Acts 4:31: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness." The words are the same, they mean the same, and the same thing happened here as at Pentecost!

Yes, people were filled with the Holy Ghost all through the Bible, before Pentecost, at Pentecost, and ever since Pentecost, people still may be filled with the Holy Ghost. Now let's skip over to Ephesians. If there is one letter especially fitted for modern Christians, it is this. It is addressed to the saints in Christ Jesus everywhere, Gentiles as well as Jews.

Ephesians 5:18. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

All right here it is. I have followed from the Old Testament to the New Testament, before Jesus was born and during His ministry and after His ascension, at Pentecost, and after Pentecost with Jews and with Gentiles and God uses the same word all the way through, and the last reference is a plain command to be filled with the Holy Ghost! The filling didn't start and stop at Pentecost. We can have it, too, and ought to have it. God didn't stop with it. There is a line of proof that proves the

power of Pentecost is for us today.

"The Promise" Is For Us

Here is another. Is it for us today? The baptism, filling, anointing or gift or pouring out of the Spirit: is it for us today? All right, here is another line of proof. You listen. Turn to Luke 24:49, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Notice that word *promise*. What is that promise? "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." The promise is for power. Now underline that word *promise*. Now when you trace the word down, it assumes a definite meaning. It is used repeatedly by the Holy Spirit in reference to a definite blessing of Holy Spirit power.

Turn to the first chapter of Acts. Luke wrote the book of Luke, and Luke wrote the book of Acts, too. Now he said, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach," and now look at verse 3: "To whom (his apostles) also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." Now verse 4, "And, being assembled together with them, (the apostles), commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me." THE promise. There is just one promise for lost sinners, just one thing they need and that is salvation. For saved sinners, Christians, there is one thing we need, and that is the fullness of the Spirit. Put those down. The promise for sinners is salvation. The promise for every Christian is power, the power of the Holy Spirit. When you get that you can get your prayers answered, joy in your heart, soul winning power, everything when you get the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"Wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." What was the promise of the Father? Jesus said again, "Wait for the promise." In Acts 1:8, He said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." That is the promise. Now look again at the second chapter, will you? In the second chapter, verse 32 and following, Peter said, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." Underline the word "promise." THE Promise!

Notice this, in Luke 24:49 the promise is for Holy Spirit power. In Acts 1:5 the promise is for Holy Spirit power. In Acts 2:33 the promise of the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit is for power. In the same second chapter, read on in verse 38 where they said, "What shall we do?" and Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise" (underline the promise. There is but one promise, not a secondary promise, not even more promises, but the whole promise), "the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Now there is a line of proof without any shadow of a doubt. Wait for what? Wait for the promise of the Father and you shall receive power when you wait. "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me" (Acts 1:3). Then in Acts 2:33 Peter said, "Jesus has given the promise of the Father and poured out this," and then in verse 38, he said, "That

promise of the Holy Ghost — And ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost — is for you and your children." Now, I am not a Jew, nor the son of a Jew, but he said, "and to all that are afar off." I am a good long ways off, and that means me. And then he said, "Even as many as the Lord our God shall call." I know I am called to believe in Christ. I am saved, so the promise is to me!

There is the second line of proof, proof beyond any shadow of doubt that the power of Pentecost can be ours. I didn't say frills. God gave different outward signs at different times. He gave tongues of fire, a cyclone of wind and power to speak in other languages in Acts 2:4, but didn't give them in Acts 4:31. They got the same power, but didn't get the same frills. I am not talking about us needing to talk in tongues. I am not talking about sinless perfection or any false claims. I am not talking about fanaticism. I am talking about the power, that New Testament Christians had. They had it, and it is for us. You can have it. If you don't have it, you haven't paid the price. You have not done what they did. You have not prayed like they prayed, you haven't lived like they lived or you would have what they had. "The promise is to you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," that is, the promise of the same Holy Spirit filling as they had at Pentecost.

Every Man May Have the Manifestation of the Spirit of God

That isn't all! There is another line of proof here. Turn to I Corinthians, the second chapter, verse 2. Paul said, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." He said, "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling." Now I Corinthians, 2:1-4.

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

Now that is what Paul had. It wasn't smartness. It wasn't fine illustrations. It wasn't quoting poetry, nor catchy sayings. Paul's power was not culture. "I came to you in the demonstration of the Holy Ghost and of power." Every preacher believes in the Holy Spirit but they don't all believe in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. They don't believe He shows His power these days. That is the difference. Paul says, "I came to you in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power." That was Paul, but turn to the 12th chapter. Look at verse 4 to 7.

"4. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

"5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

"6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."

Now verse 7: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

"The manifestation of the Spirit," not just the Spirit. All admit that we have the Spirit. He dwells in every saved body. But "the manifestation of the Spirit," the show of His power and wisdom, soul winning power, the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Every man! Every man! Every saved person can have the Holy Spirit and does have the Holy Spirit. But every saved person can not only have the Spirit, but he can have the power of the Spirit, the manifestation of the Spirit, the presence of the Spirit manifest, so the Scriptures say. The Bible is full of proof that ought to convince everybody that believes the Bible that, thank God, the power of Pentecost is for us today and we can have it!

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WORK ON FLOOR PROGRESSING

The first of the concrete was poured on the auditorium of the Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle on Tuesday evening. It was a thrill to witness the sight of the first wheelbarrow full as it was dumped into the Northeast corner of the building. Bro. J. R. Wyatt had the honor of pouring the first wheelbarrow load. Due to a breakdown in the mixer, which Bro. Charlie Simpson had obtained, we were unable to pour more than 450 square feet last evening. But this morning the mixer was fixed, the run-ways were laid, more forms were built, gravel and cement were piled around the mixer and everything was prepared for a great evening tonight.

As I write, there must be some 50 men in the auditorium working. All this help was volunteer with the exception of two or three finishers and a man or two on the mixer. We praise the Lord for the faithful way in which the men in our church have taken hold of the work. Our fellowship together is sweet indeed and the work is going forward with zest and great enthusiasm.

The devil has done his best to hinder and delay the finishing of our floor by Sunday, but the Lord is on our side. For example, just a few moments ago one of Bro. Simpson's trucks came up loaded with 150 sacks of cement. The man had barely gotten it under the shelter of the building when the rain began to pour in torrents.

We expect to have the floor finished by Friday night, the Lord willing.

Pay For Floor Now

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great upon us and we believe He will pour out upon us the greatest blessings the church has ever experienced within the next two months, in the Bible School and revival and following. So with prayerful, loving hearts, let us do our best and expect the dear Lord to repay.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:2).

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"All things are possible to him that believeth."
—Mark 9:23

The "all things" do not always come simply for the asking, for the reason that God is ever seeking to teach us the way of faith, and in our training in the faith-life, there must be room for the trial of faith, the discipline of faith, the patience of faith, the courage of faith, and often many stages are passed before we really realize what is the end of faith; namely, the victory of faith.

Real moral fibre is developed through discipline of faith. You have made your request of God, but the answer does not come. What are you to do?

Keep on believing God's Word; never be moved away from it by what you see or feel, and thus as you stand steady, enlarged power and experience is being developed. The fact of looking at the apparent contradiction as to God's Word and being unmoved from your position of faith makes you stronger on every other line.

Often God delays purposely, and the delay is just as much an answer to your prayer as is the fulfillment when it comes.

In the lives of all the great Bible characters, God worked thus. Abraham, Moses and Elijah were not great in the beginning, but were made great through the discipline of their faith, and only thus were they fitted for the position to which God had called them.

For example, in the case of Joseph whom the Lord was training for the throne of Egypt, we read in the Psalms: "The word of the Lord tried him." It was not the prison life with its hard beds or poor food that tried him, but it was the Word God had spoken into his heart in the early years concerning elevation and honor which were greater than his brethren were to receive; it was this which was ever before him, when every step in his career made it seem more and more impossible of fulfillment, until he was there imprisoned, and all in innocence, while others who were perhaps justly incarcerated, were released, and he was left to languish alone.

These were hours that tried his soul, but hours of spiritual growth and development, that, "When his word came" (the word of release), found him fitted for the delicate task of dealing with his wayward brethren, with a love and patience only surpassed by God Himself.

No amount of persecution tries like such experiences as these. When God has spoken of His purpose to do, and yet the days go on and He does not do it, that is truly hard; but it is a discipline of faith that will bring us into a knowledge of God which would otherwise be impossible.

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THE POWER OF PENTECOST

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Soul Winning Power Is the Evidence

Now what will it do then? What will we have when we have it? Again I say, I will have to say this because the truth of the matter is that you Baptists have been so cold and prayerless and powerless, and you Methodists too, and you Presbyterians, have been so blue-stockinged, depended so much on education, so cold and powerless, and so have nearly all the other churches that you have left it to a few people, often ignorant, but who love God, to do all the teaching about the power of the Holy Spirit. Instead of getting the heart of the thing, they got a lot of the frills, and often get fanaticism. But we ought to honor them because they cared. We have left it to them. I am now talking about power of the Holy Spirit. If you are thinking of tongues, sinless perfection, holiness or something like that, just blot that out of your mind.

What will it be if I have the power of the Holy Spirit? One verse of Scripture will settle that forever. Acts 1:8:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Now that answers all questions.

Somebody says, "Brother Rice, I have the Holy Spirit. I got my baptism at such and such a time." "You did?" I ask. "Yes, I did. I tell you, I rolled on the floor and hollered 'Glory, glory, glory.'" "That won't prove it to me," I say. "It will take more than that." "Oh, but I tell you, Brother Rice, I saw angels, and heard their wings a-flopping."

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It will take more than that! That is not what Jesus promised. That may be sometimes all right, I think. God has struck people down sometimes. I saw men that God laid down. In Binghamton, New York last year, a man was convicted as I preached and he resisted and resisted and resisted, and the first thing you know, he keeled over in a faint during the invitation. But for the power of God it would have created a scene. It is a strange thing to me that we don't have nearly as much of that as we ought to have. But God struck him down. A couple of men got him and took him outside, a man on each side, and took him out in that cold zero air. The services were dismissed, but he said, "I can't go home! I can't go home! I have got to settle this tonight!" They brought him back to me to say, "I take Jesus tonight." That was the power of God and I believe in that. I didn't expect that nor preach that. God did it.

Another old backslider, a curser, fell full-length on the floor. I wasn't preaching that sort of thing. It wasn't me, it was God. I don't care if God does it. I don't care what God does. But if it is of God it ought to lead people to be saved. If it doesn't, it is not what God promised. This is the promise, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

Oh, but you say, "I just felt most glorious when I talked in tongues!" The Bible doesn't say anything about how people felt. You put emphasis on what God said was the very least of the gifts of the Spirit. Most of the time it is an imposition, an imitation, anyway, and it is not what they had at Pentecost. You don't talk for the Lord so that people hear the gospel in their own tongue wherein they were born. It is a fraud and the devil has cheated you, that's all. Talking in tongues is not the evidence of the filling or anointing or baptism or gift of the Holy Spirit.

No, my friends, this is what it

will do. It will give power on your testimony.

Some woman says, "Well, Bro. Rice, I talk to my husband, and he won't listen." Do you know why? There is no power on it!

"Brother Rice, I talk to my Sunday School class, and I don't know why I can't reach them. I can't win this boy or girl." Do you know why? There is no power! What you need is to be filled with the Holy Ghost!

I believe every Christian has the Spirit, but the manifestation of the Spirit can be yours, too, he said. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

"I can't get up and testify," you say. Do you know why? You don't have the power of God on you.

Someone will say, "Brother Rice, I can't talk to sinners. I know I ought to. I feel impressed, but I can't talk to anybody." You can't do it because the Holy Spirit doesn't have His power on you, the power of God isn't on you! That is what is the matter. You can have power, but the Lord says it will have to come when the Holy Ghost comes upon you!

It isn't personality. It isn't well prepared sermons. It is not striking nor pathetic stories. It is the power of God on a Christian to witness, to win souls, to stand for Him!

That is what I am talking about, the power of Pentecost for us. We can have it. We ought to have it.

What will happen when we have it? Well, what happened then? Three thousand were saved. They had boldness to speak for God and power! What happened? Their prayers were answered. What happened? Multitudes both of men and women believed. Many were added to the Lord day by day. I don't care about anything else. Do you have that that Jesus said was the evidence?

Somebody says, "I was baptized with signs following according to Acts 2:4." What signs? Do you mean the sign of a cyclone that everybody heard? You had just as well have that as tongues. Or why not claim visible fire sitting on you? That was as much a sign as the tongues, but you can't imitate it!

Or someone says, "I got my baptism according to Acts 2:4." Well, were there three thousand saved that day? That is what proves it, brother. Oh, that God would give us more of what some men have the power of God on our preaching and testimony. Moody had it. Finney had it. Many New Testament Christians had it. May God give it to us, this filling, baptizing, outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

A woman preacher came to the town of Shamrock a good many years ago where I was pastor. I don't believe in women preachers. I may be losing friends by saying that. The Bible way is good enough for me. If they needed no women preachers, we need none either. This woman came, she was a Christian woman. I was kind to her. I prayed for her, and I went out to the meeting a night or two and did personal work. She said, "Oh, Brother Rice, I am praying for you." I said, "I am glad you are. I want everybody to pray for me." "But," she said, "I am praying for you to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost." I said, "I am praying for that, too. But wait a minute, don't misunderstand me. Maybe I will get down and roll on the floor, but that is not what I am praying for," I said. "That is not what God promised. The evidence has got to be this; the power of God on my testimony. You know in this year's time, my church has doubled its membership. We have had some 300 conversions here. And you know I have been out and had many other people saved. We have built a church house, and baptized 135 in the church. (Only eight preachers in Texas baptized as many as I did that year). The evidence has got to be more sinners to hear me, more sinners converted and transformed. That is the power, the power. That is the Bible evidence, the power of the Holy Ghost."

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MRS. RIDGWAY'S CORNER

School will soon be out and the boys and girls will have lots of time for reading. The wise parents will help their children choose the books that they will read during vacation time. If many parents would read some of the books that their sons and daughters read today, they would be shocked.

Two years ago this summer a prominent Doctor of Fort Worth came into our office and stated that he found his 16 year old daughter reading a book that alarmed him. He wanted me to give him the names of some good high class books for his three children to read during that summer. Most parents are too busy to review the books before their children read them. And are often too busy to even talk to their sons and daughters about the kind of literature that they ought to read. The literature your child reads develops character either for good or bad. I would like to suggest a number of books that can be read during vacation this year with great profit. First, I would suggest that your girls and boys of all ages read Hurlbut's Story of the Bible. Many have learned a lot about the Bible and cultivated a taste for reading good books by reading Hurlbut's Story of the Bible. This book is illustrated with 270 illustrations, 16 of these illustrations are full-page, beautifully colored pictures. In fact the book is a royal gallery of Bible illustrations by the celebrated R. Leinweber. It contains 168 stories, each story is complete within itself, yet forming a continuous story of the Bible. Each story is told in such an interesting way and is so beautifully illustrated and hard words are self-pronouncing, that any child's interest is held from the beginning to the end of the story. Most of the stories cover from three to six pages. This book has been recommended by all denominations and ought to be in every home where there is children. The fourteen stories giving the life of Christ is worth the



price of the entire book. I hope that many parents will order this book and study it with their children. I believe if parents knew the value of the book that they would make any sacrifice to have it in their home. It is beautifully bound in blue cloth. The name, "Hurlbut's Story of the Bible" is in large gold letters and has a beautiful picture in six colors on the binding. It has 731 pages and sells for \$2.00. When ordering by mail, please add 35c postage since it weighs nearly 3 pounds.

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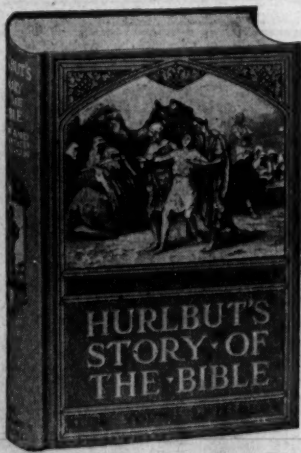
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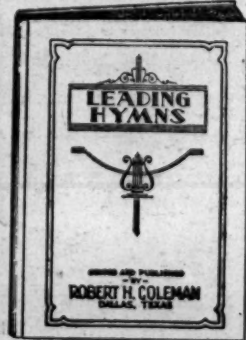
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